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Previously:

With the help of Rodriguez, a security officer in Woodbury, Rick, Glenn and Michonne were able to escape. They brought along Doctor Stevens and his assistant Alice, who were fed up with The Governor's questionable actions. Sadly, Doctor Stephens was attacked by a zombie during their escape. Michonne, at the edge of town, moments away from freedom, decided instead to go after The Governor--to get revenge.

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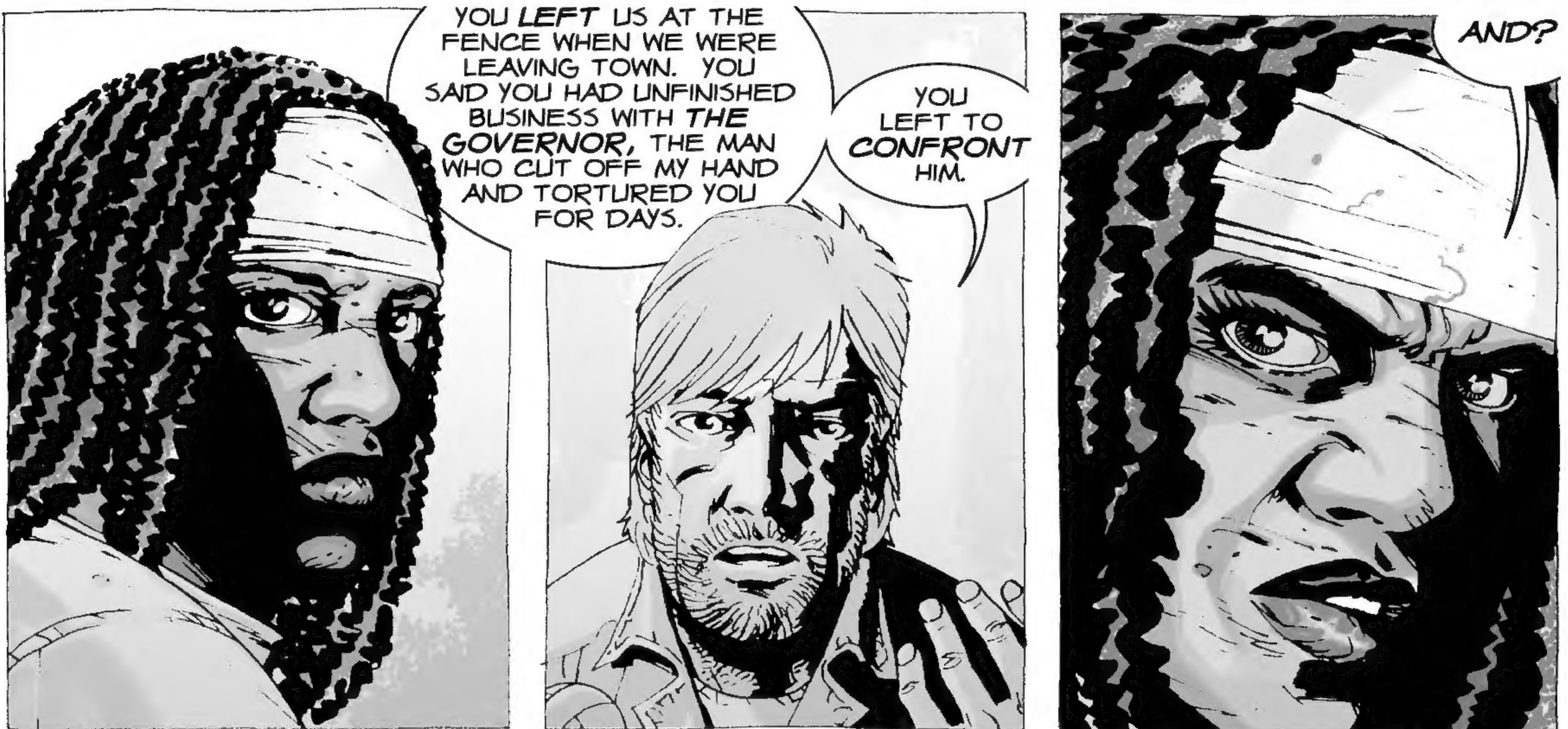
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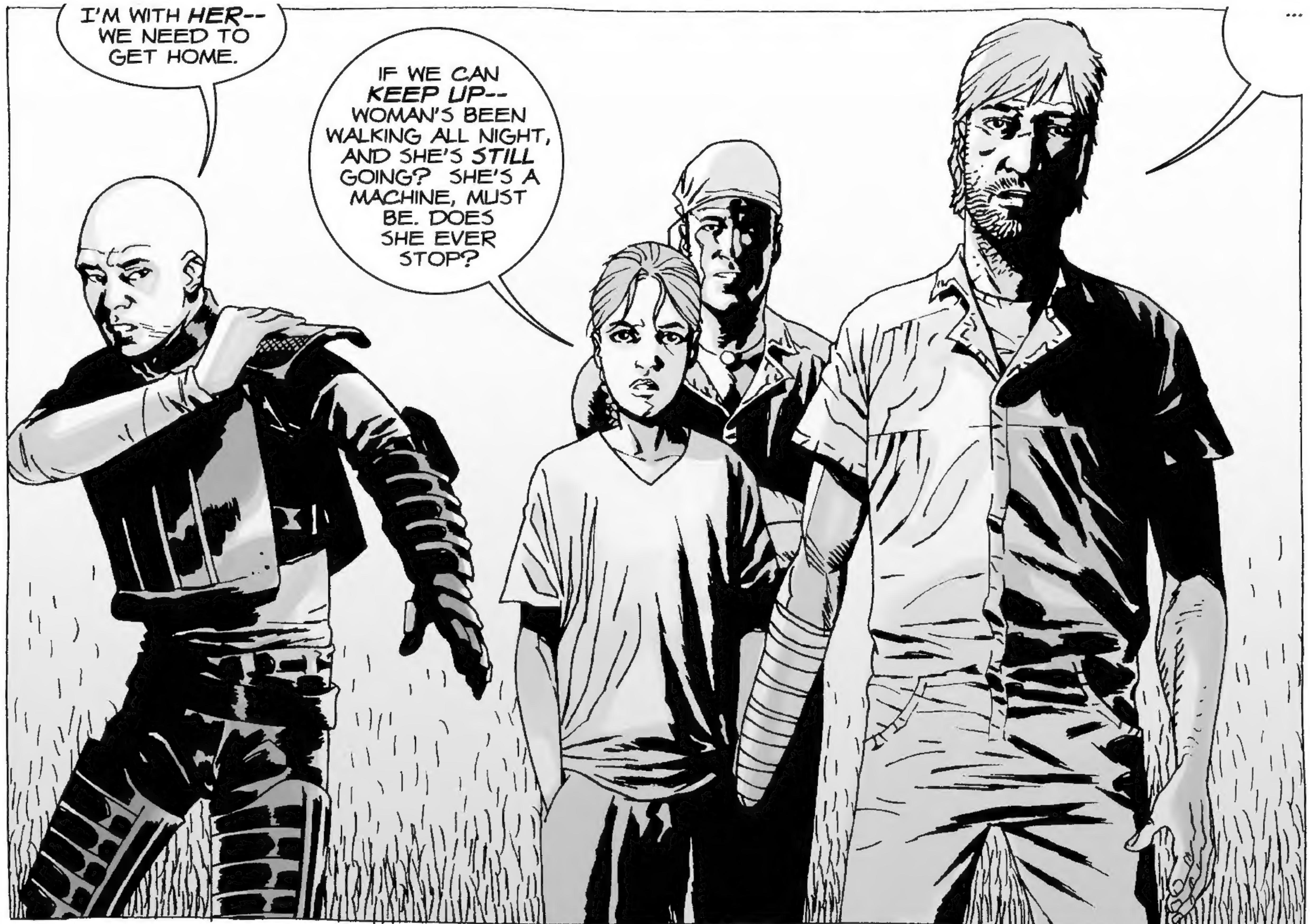
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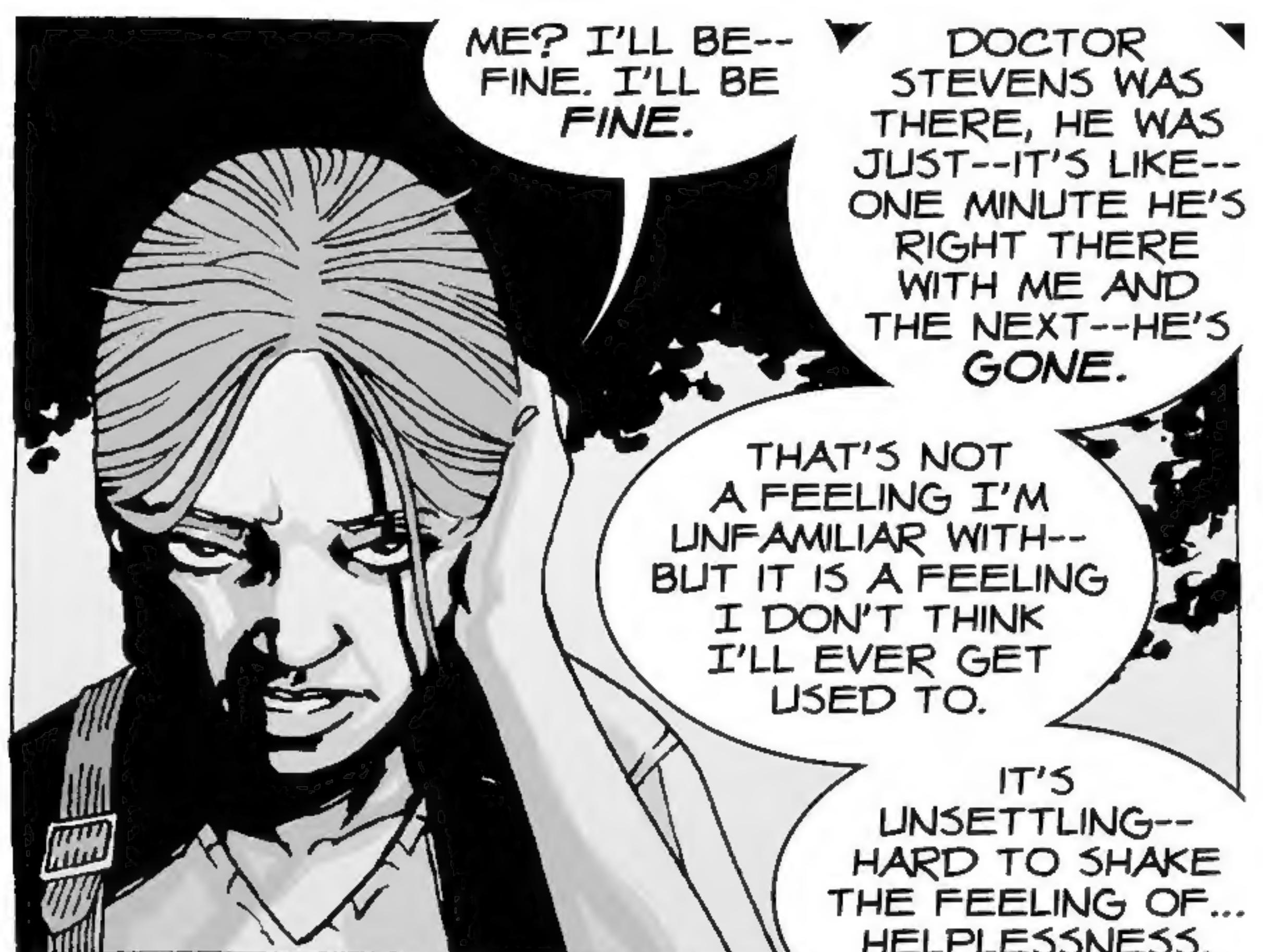
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IT'S
UNSETTLING--
HARD TO SHAKE
THE FEELING OF...
HELPLESSNESS.



GYM
TEACHER?
COOL.
HAVEN'T
MET ONE
OF THOSE
YET.

REMEMBER WHEN
THIS FIRST STARTED?
I KNOW YOU DO--IT
WASN'T EVEN A YEAR
AGO. FEELS LIKE IT'S
BEEN DECADES--BUT
IT'S ONLY BEEN WHAT--
SEVEN MONTHS? I
HAVEN'T BEEN
KEEPING
TRACK.

WHEN IT
FIRST STARTED--
THEY HAD THE "SAFE HAVENS"
REMEMBER? HOSPITALS, CHURCHES,
SCHOOLS... THEY TOLD **EVERYONE**
TO GO THERE--SAID IT'D BE EASIER
TO PROTECT EVERYONE. THIS WAS
BEFORE THEY ABANDONED
THAT AND TOLD US TO
GET TO A MAJOR
CITY.

BACK THEN THEY HAD
COPS AND FIREMEN HELPING
OUT--STANDING GUARD--
FIGHTING OFF ANY GROUPS
OF BITERS THAT CAME ALONG.
BUT YOU GUYS HAD TO AT
LEAST **HEAR** ABOUT THIS IF
YOU WEREN'T IN ONE--
THE SAFE HAVENS
WEREN'T SO
SAFE.

YEAH--MY DORM
ROOM WAS TURNED
INTO ONE. I
BARELY GOT OUT
OF THERE
ALIVE.

SO YOU
KNOW. IT
ALL WENT
TO SHIT--
REALLY
FAST.

PEOPLE CAME TO THAT PLACE
FROM MILES AROUND. ALL MY
STUDENTS CAME WITH THEIR
PARENTS. THE PLACE WAS
PACKED. EVERYONE WAS
SCARED--I TOLD MY BOYS
STORIES TO CALM THEM DOWN--
WE PLAYED BASKETBALL
TO KEEP OUR MINDS
OFF WHAT WAS
GOING ON.

THEN
THE BITERS
OVERTOOK
THE COPS--
TORE
INTO THE
PLACE.

IT WAS...
UGLY.

SO... GYM TEACHER--
TURNED OUT TO BE
NOT SO "COOL" IN
THE END.



WAS A TIME... IN THE BEGINNING--I THOUGHT I WAS BEST SUITED FOR WHAT WAS HAPPENING-- OUT OF ANYONE, I THOUGHT I'D HANDLE IT THE BEST. IT WAS EARLY ON--WHEN I THOUGHT THIS WHOLE THING WAS GOING TO BE TEMPORARY.

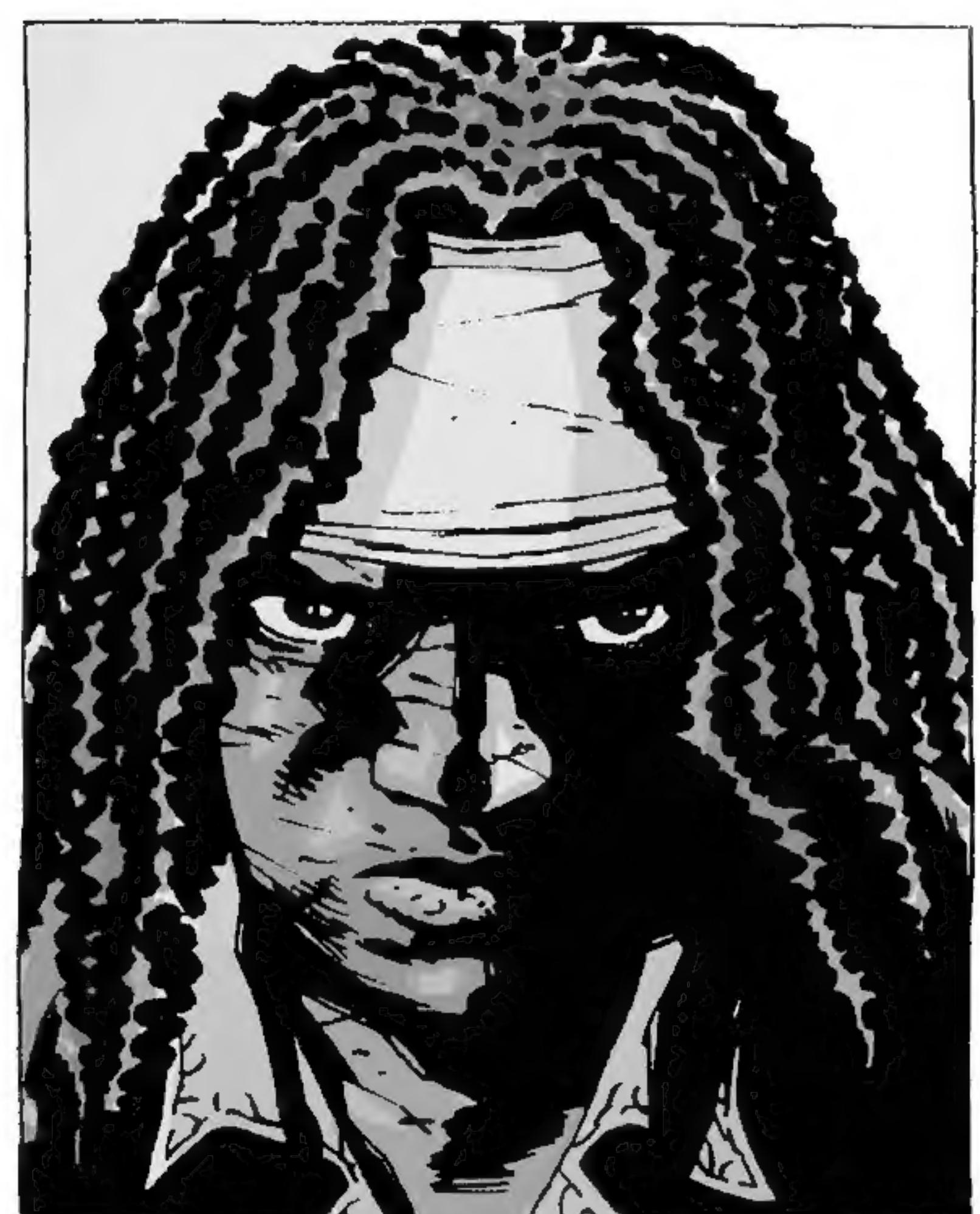
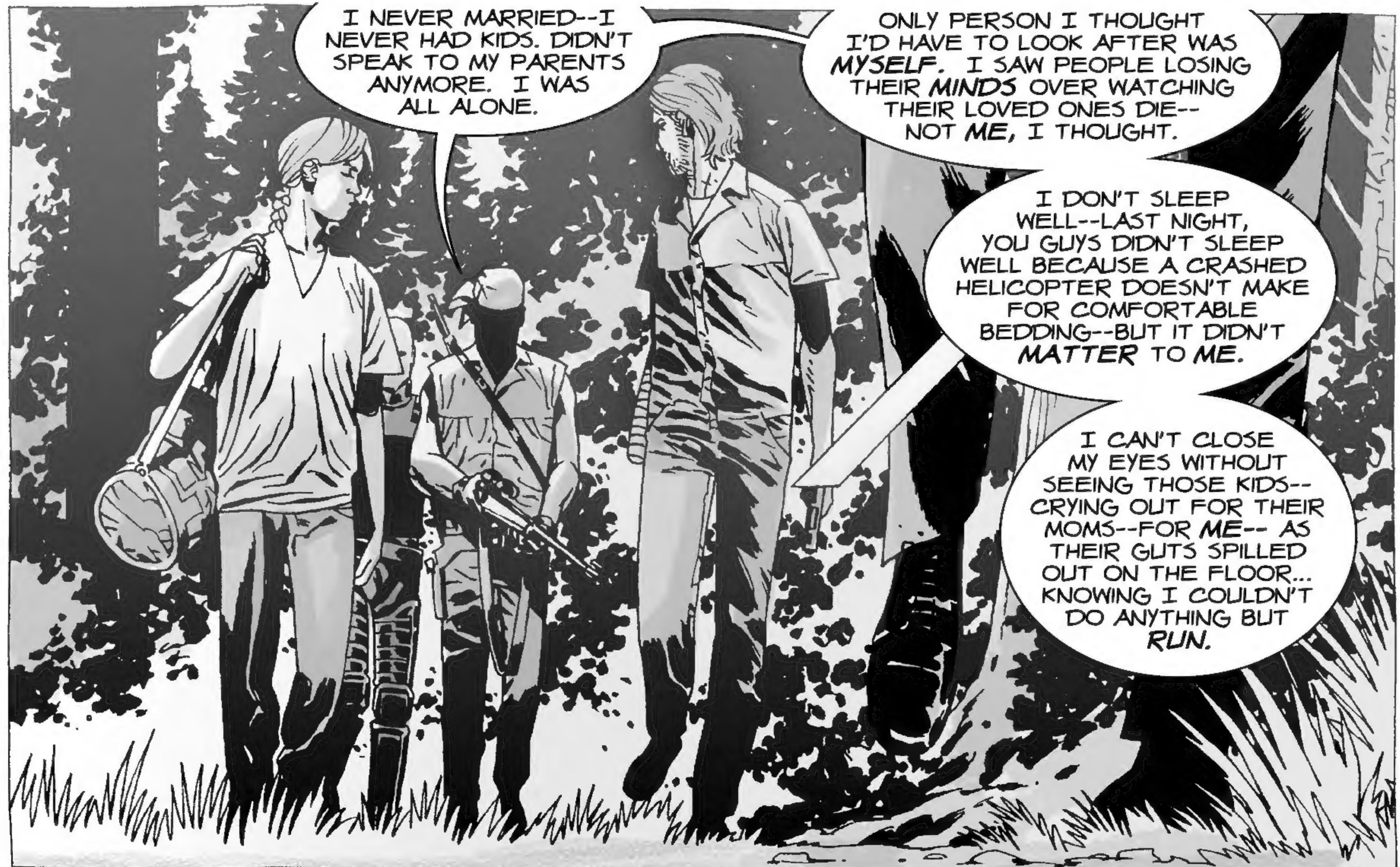
CAN'T BELIEVE I EVER THOUGHT THAT, NOW.

I NEVER MARRIED--I NEVER HAD KIDS. DIDN'T SPEAK TO MY PARENTS ANYMORE. I WAS ALL ALONE.

ONLY PERSON I THOUGHT I'D HAVE TO LOOK AFTER WAS MYSELF. I SAW PEOPLE LOSING THEIR MINDS OVER WATCHING THEIR LOVED ONES DIE-- NOT ME, I THOUGHT.

I DON'T SLEEP WELL--LAST NIGHT, YOU GUYS DIDN'T SLEEP WELL BECAUSE A CRASHED HELICOPTER DOESN'T MAKE FOR COMFORTABLE BEDDING--BUT IT DIDN'T MATTER TO ME.

I CAN'T CLOSE MY EYES WITHOUT SEEING THOSE KIDS-- CRYING OUT FOR THEIR MOMS--FOR ME-- AS THEIR GLUTS SPILLED OUT ON THE FLOOR... KNOWING I COULDN'T DO ANYTHING BUT RUN.



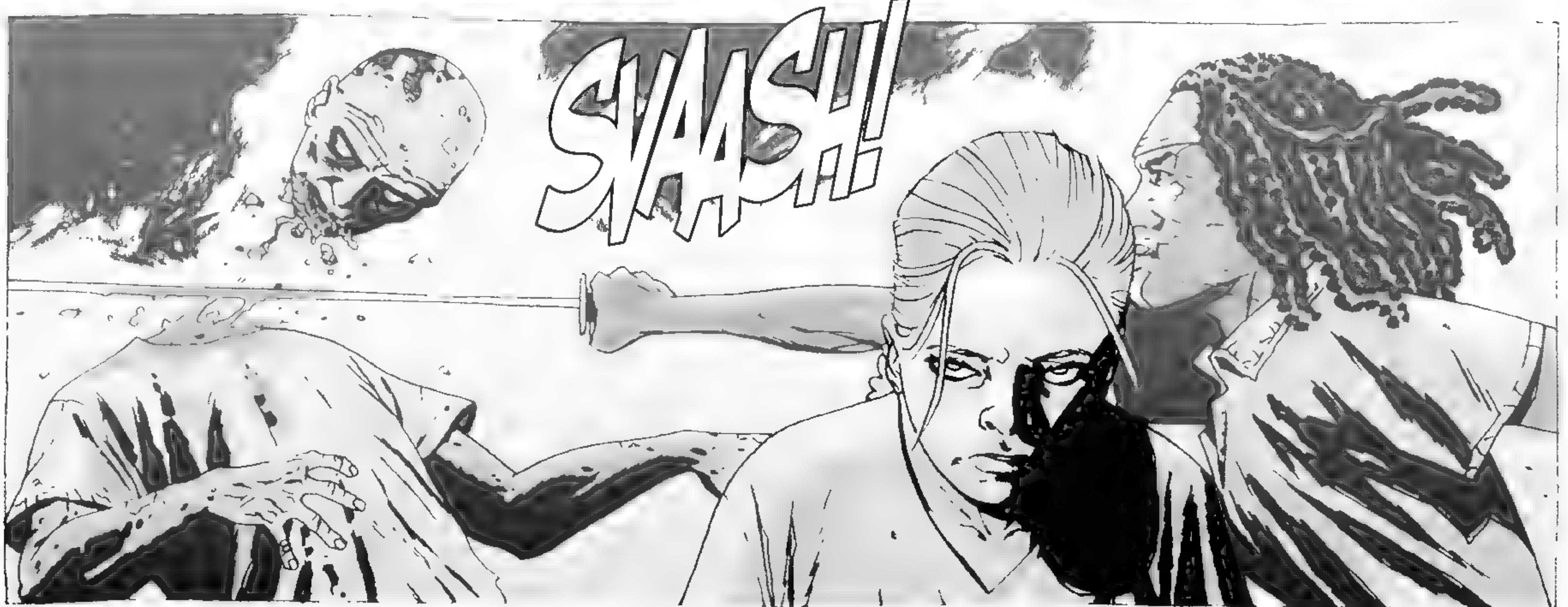
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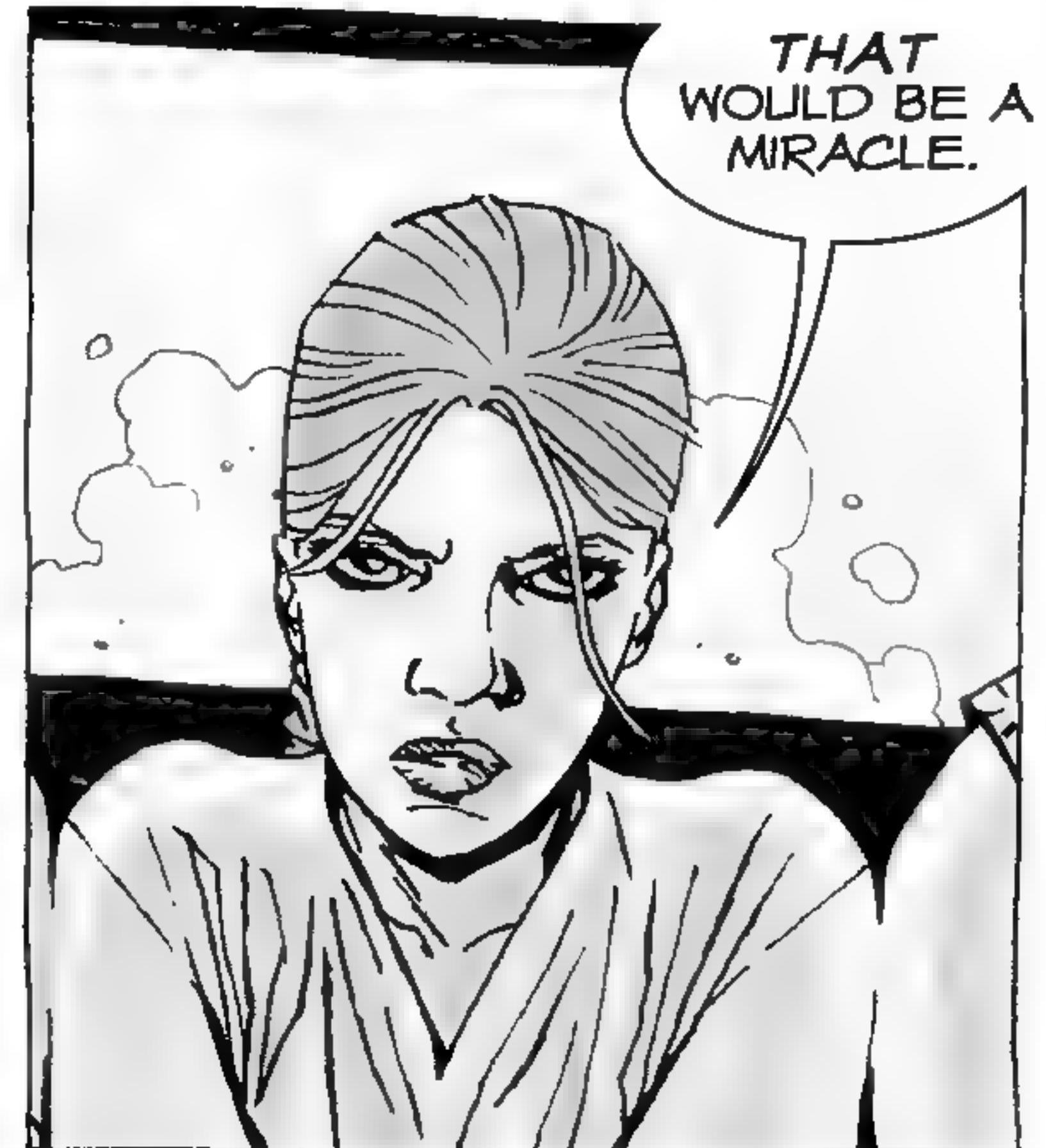
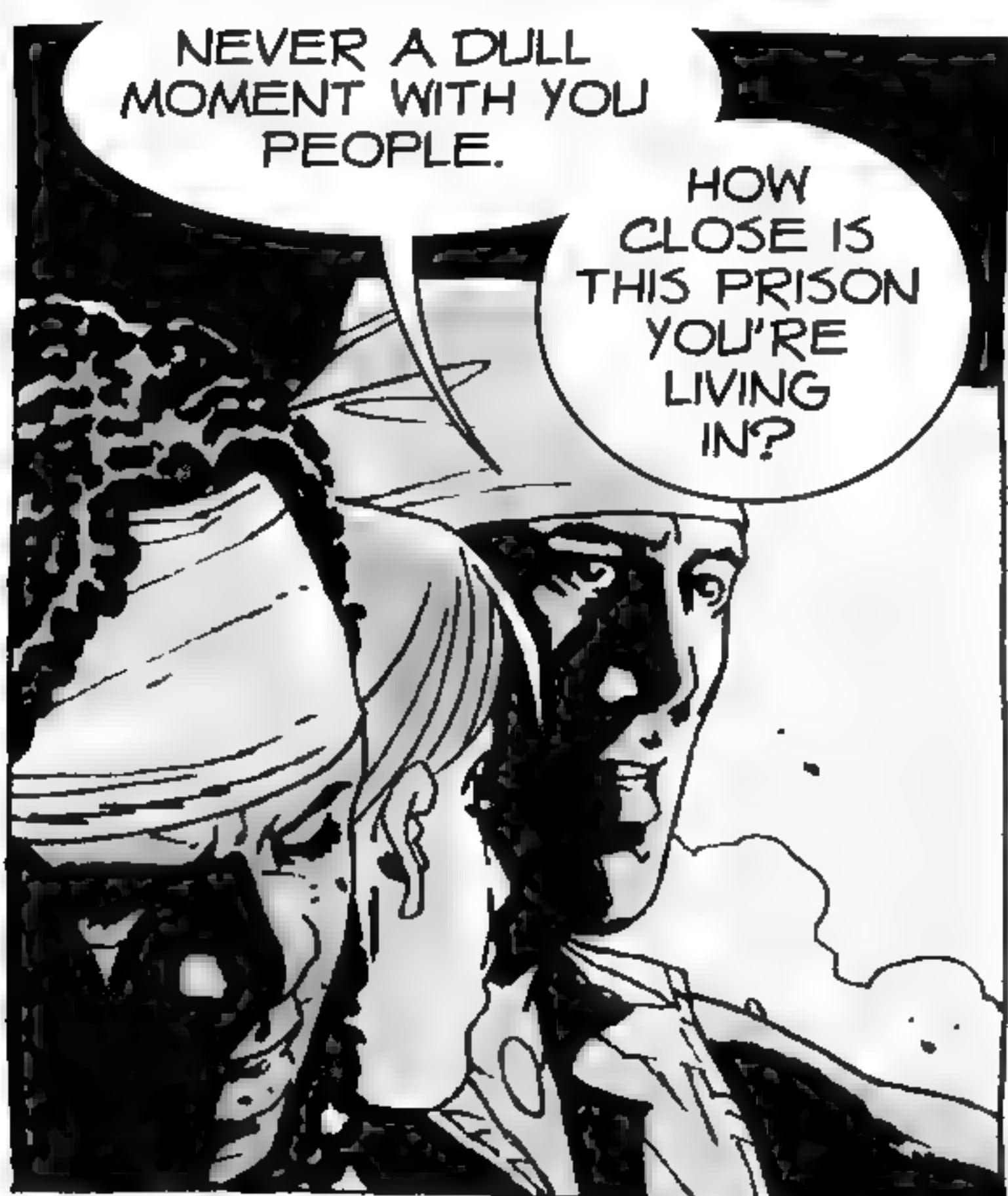
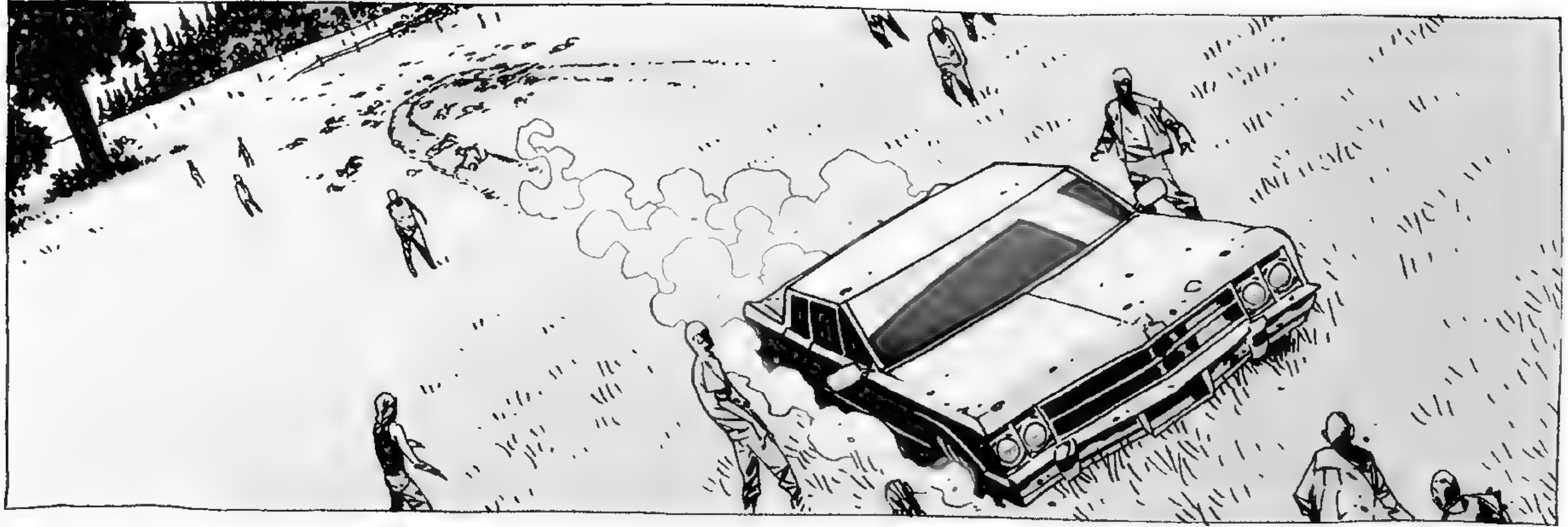


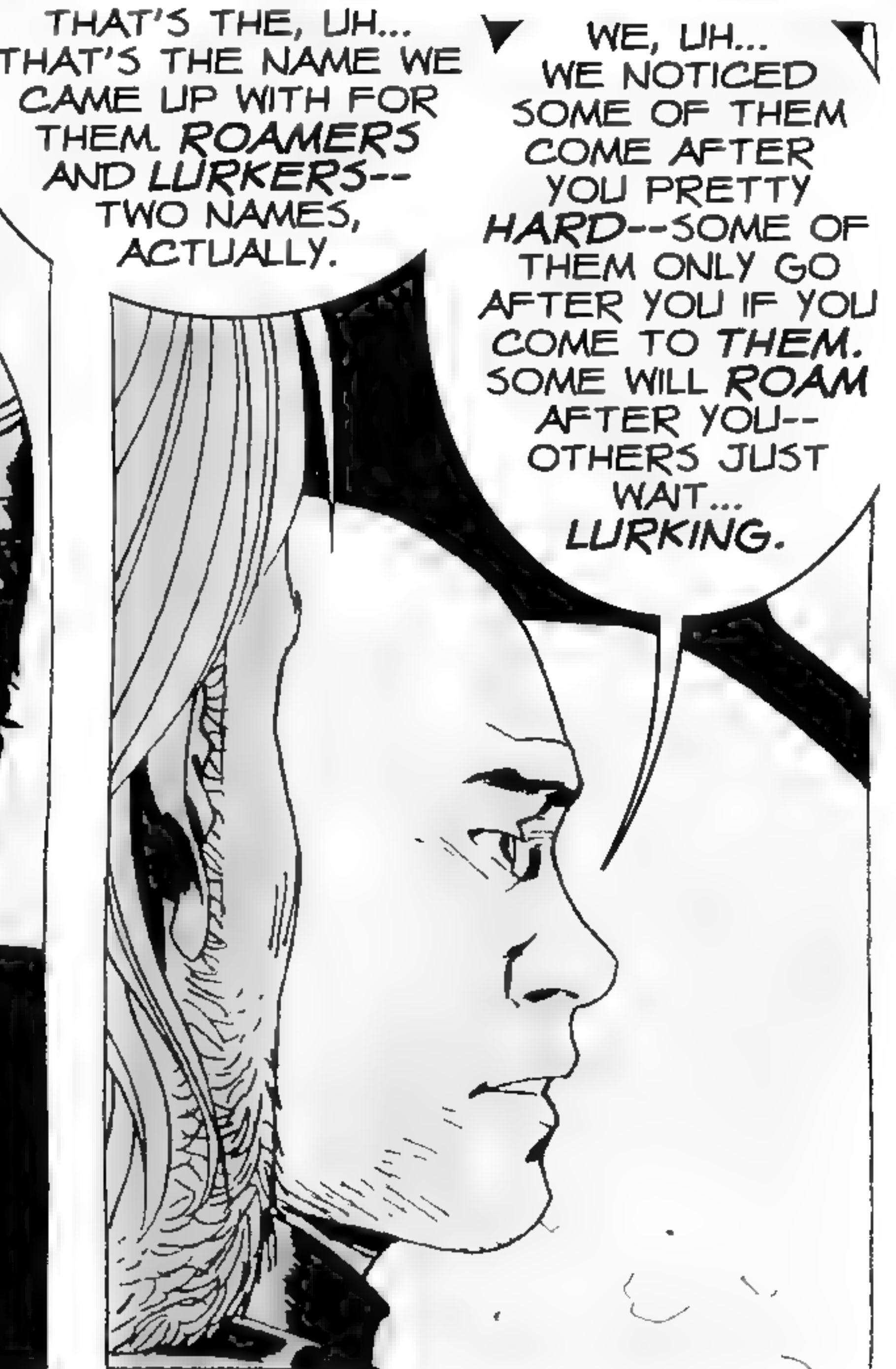
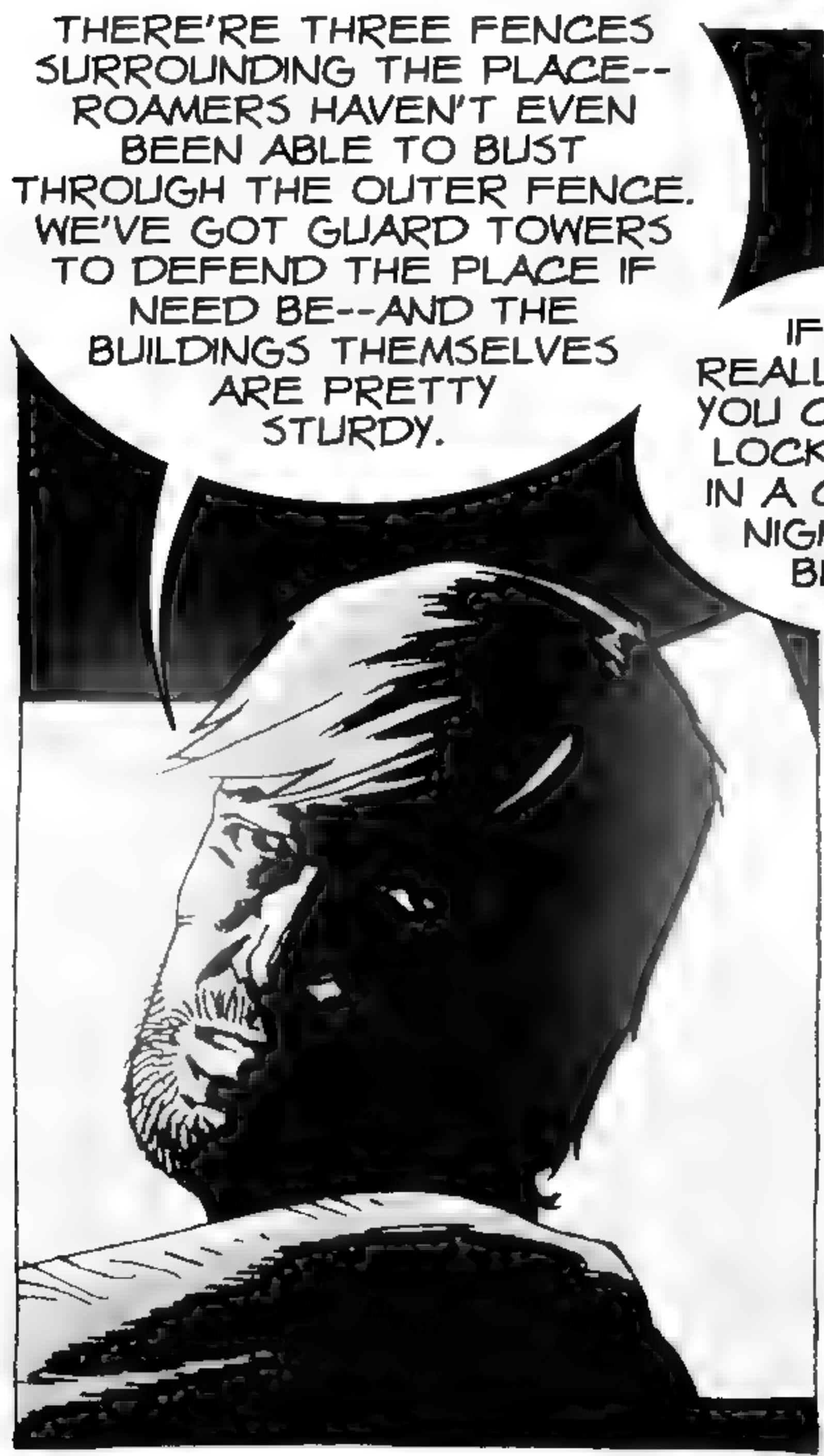
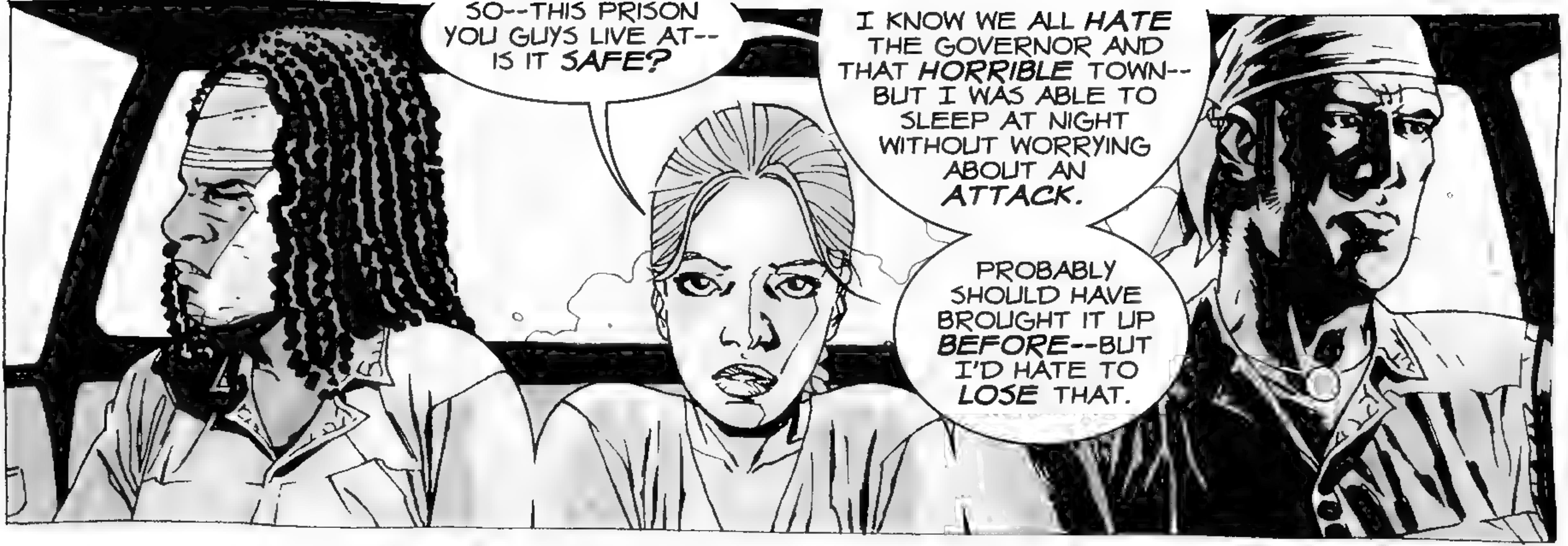


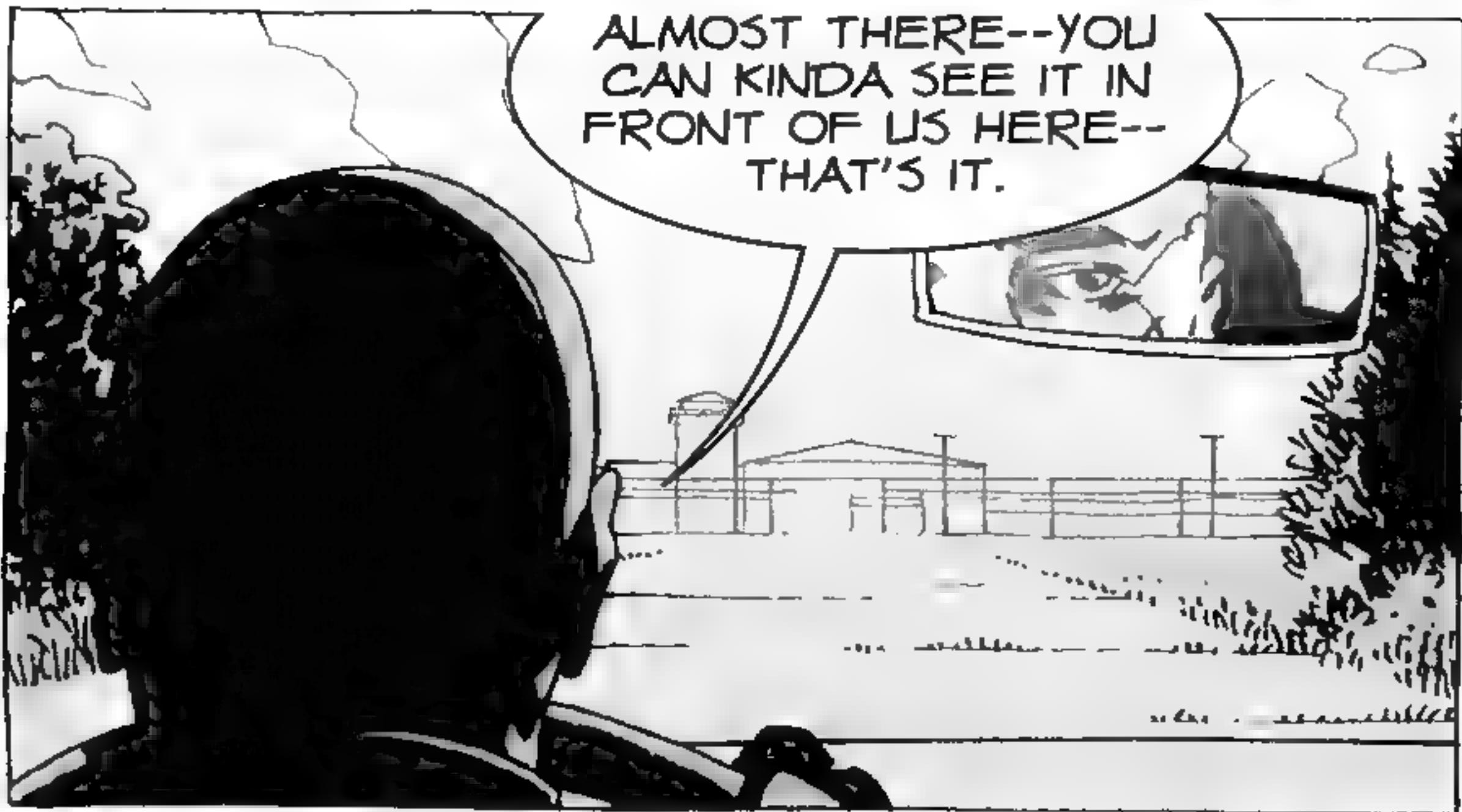
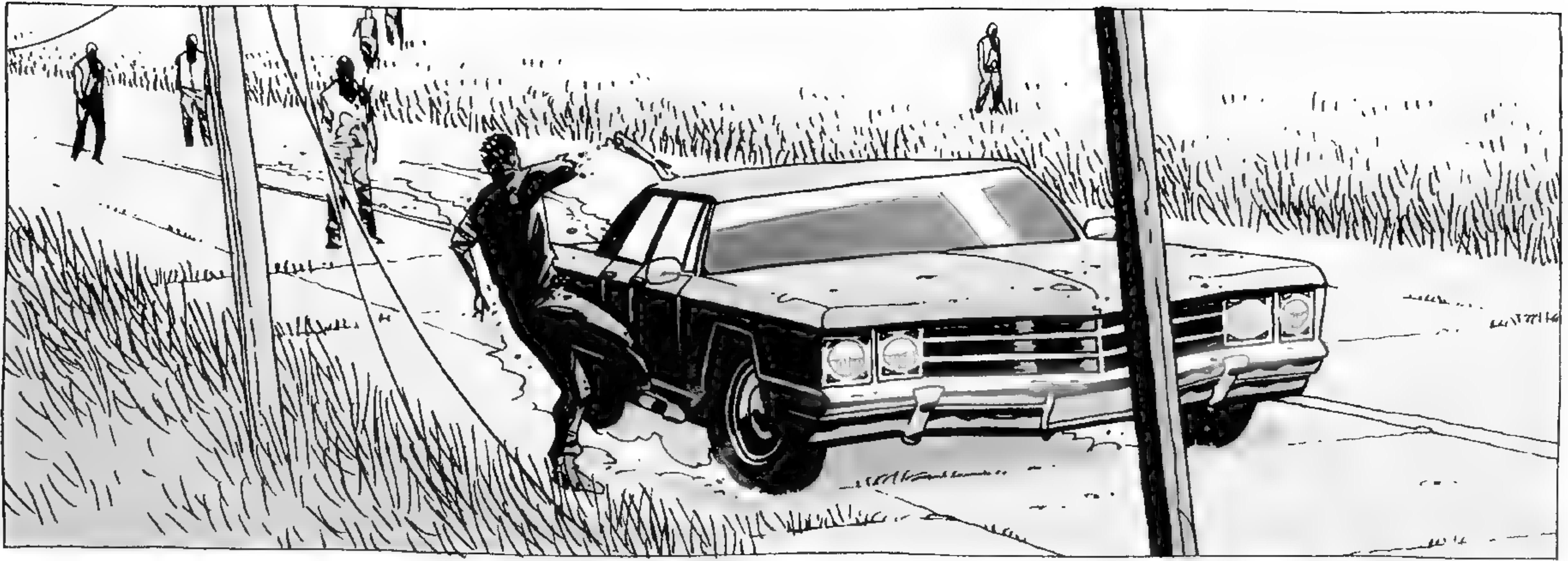


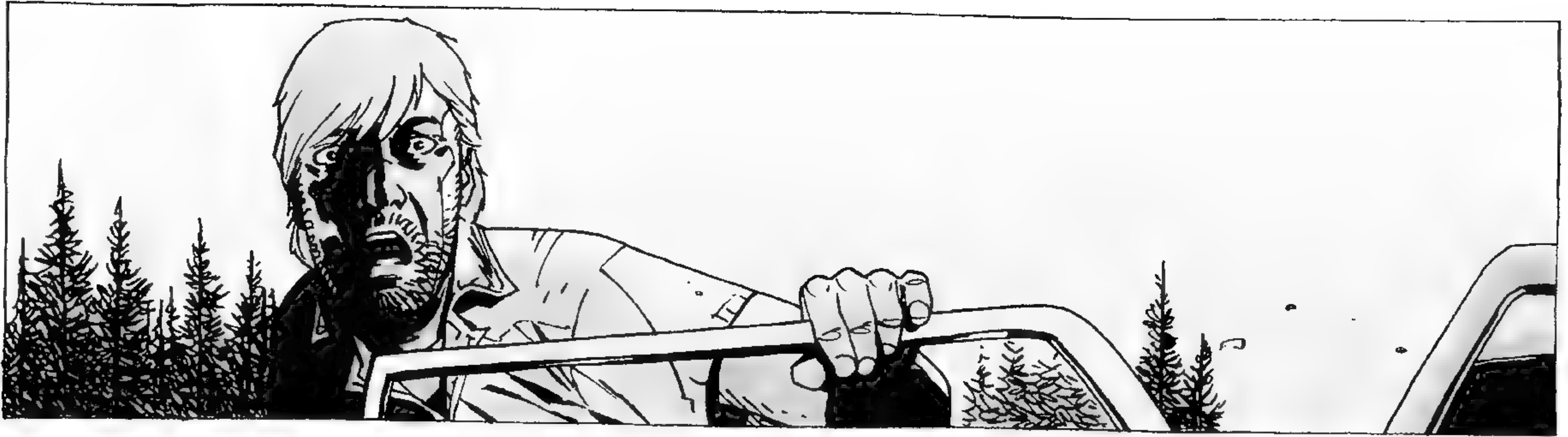


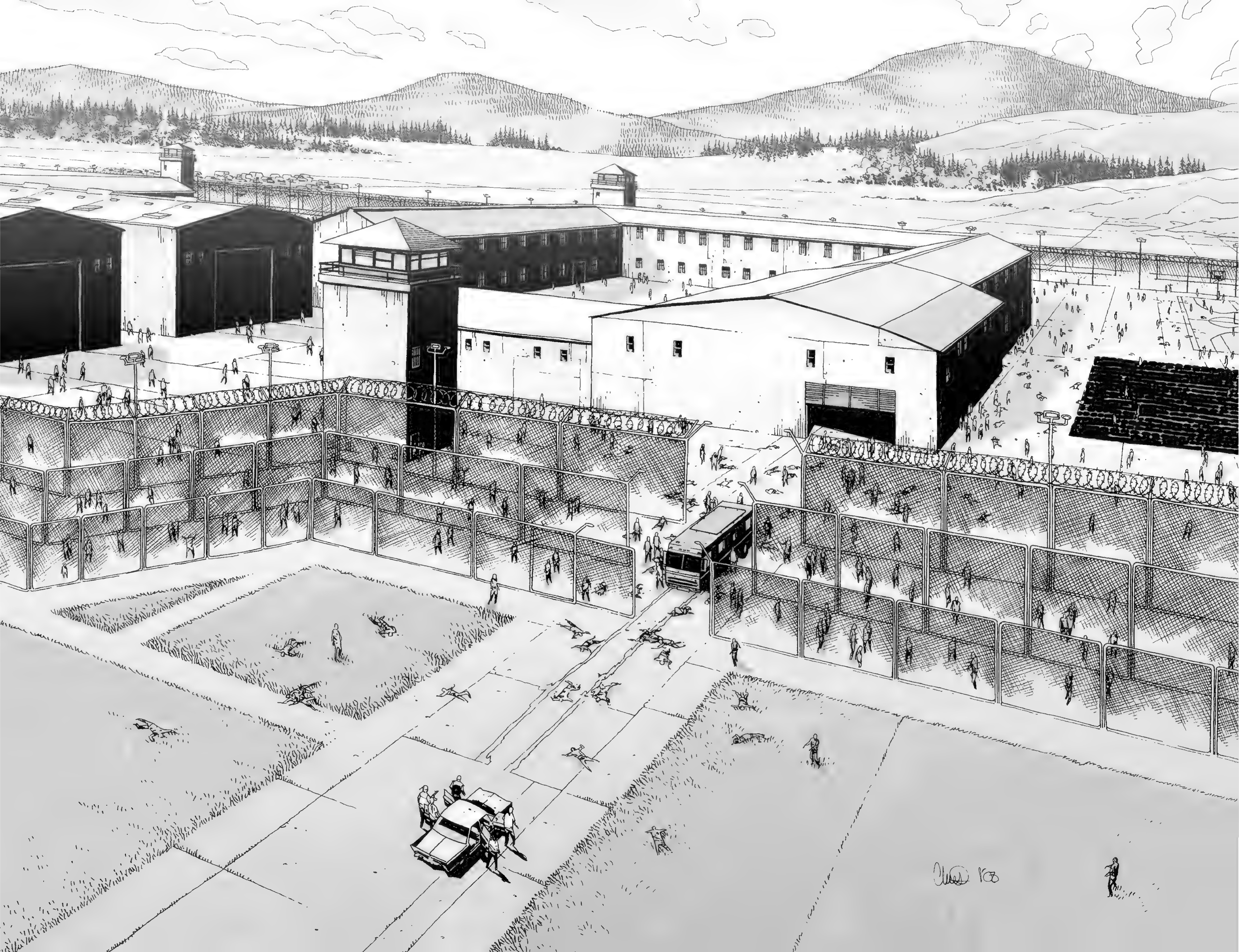




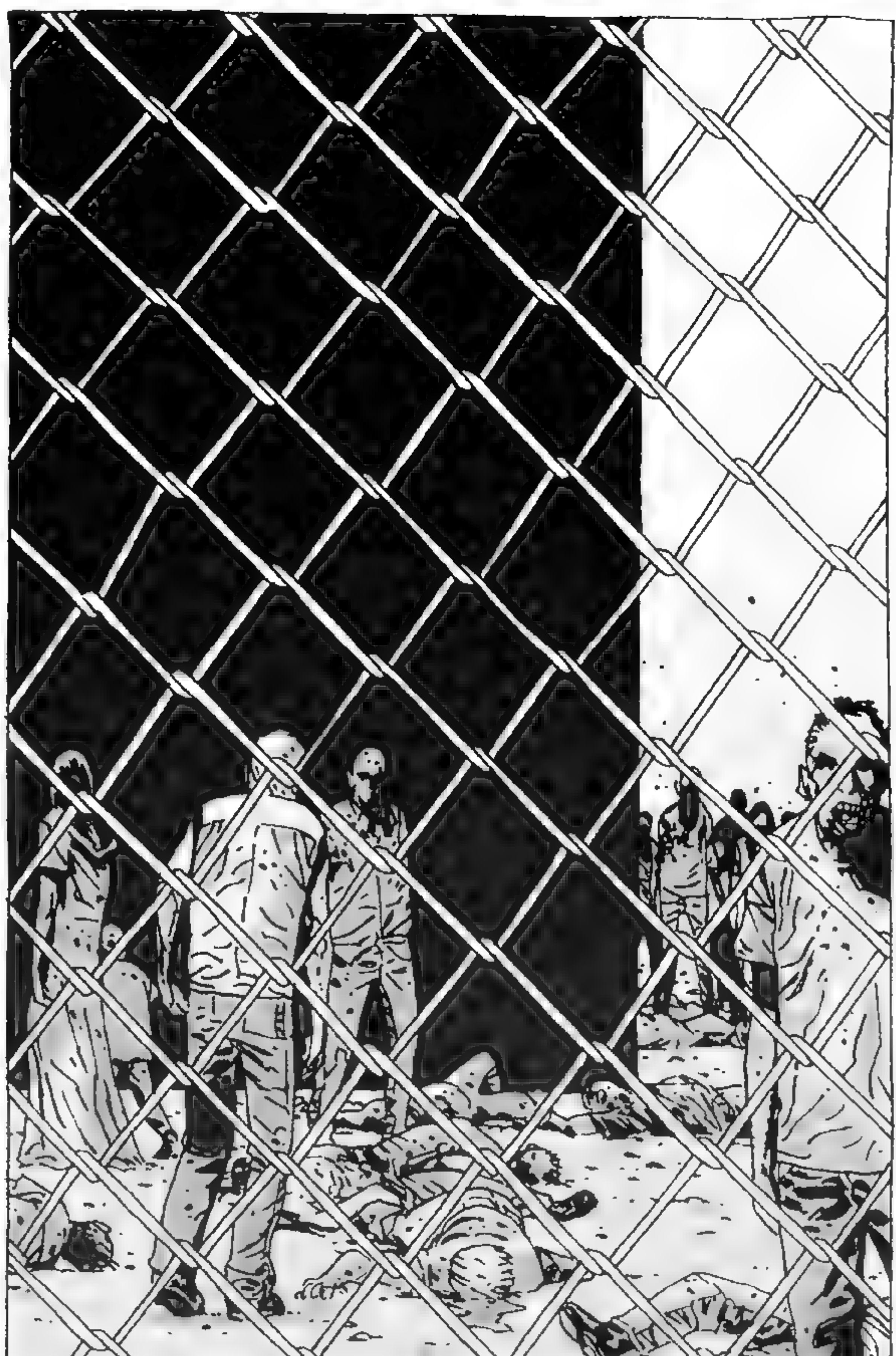
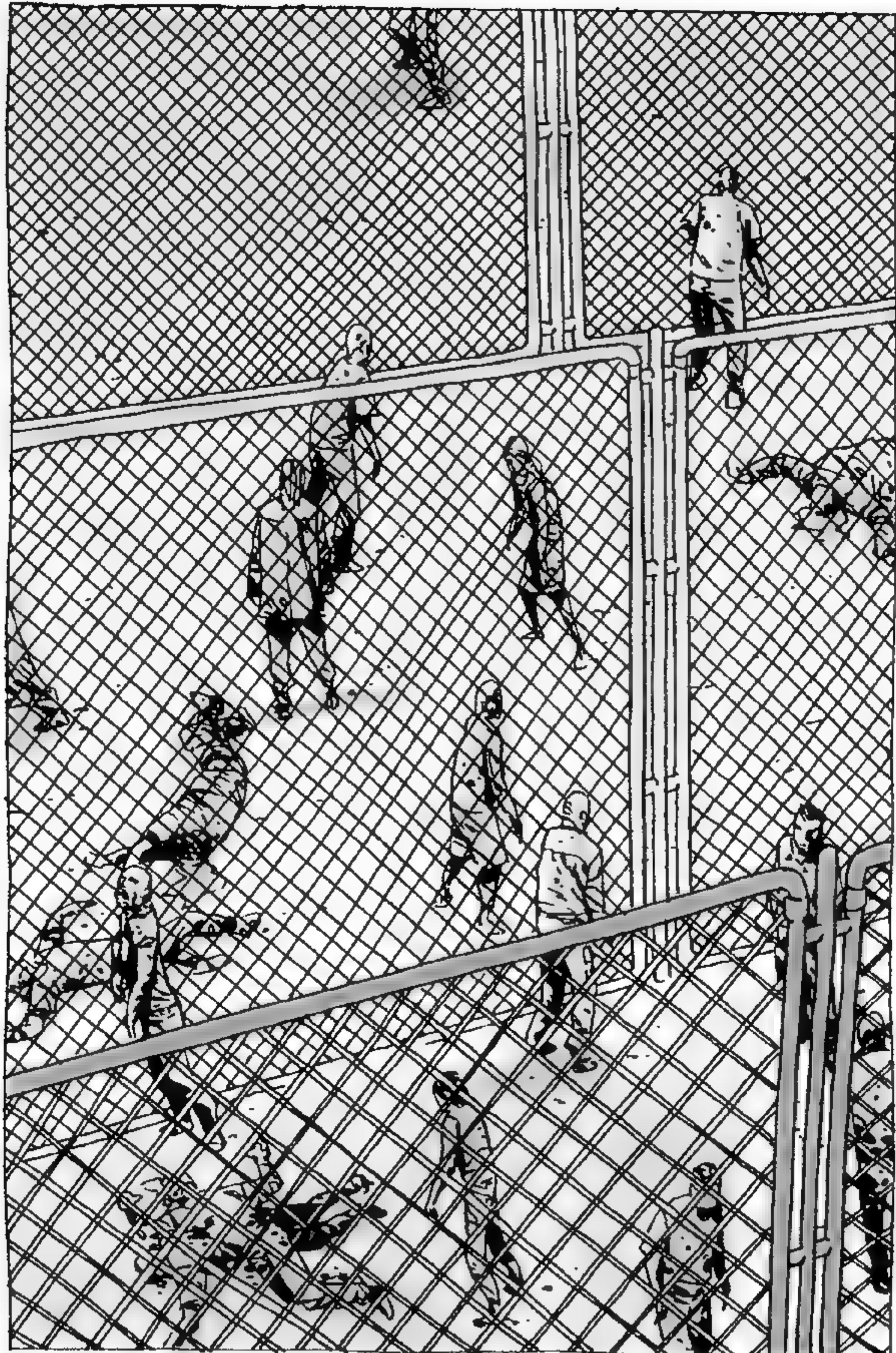


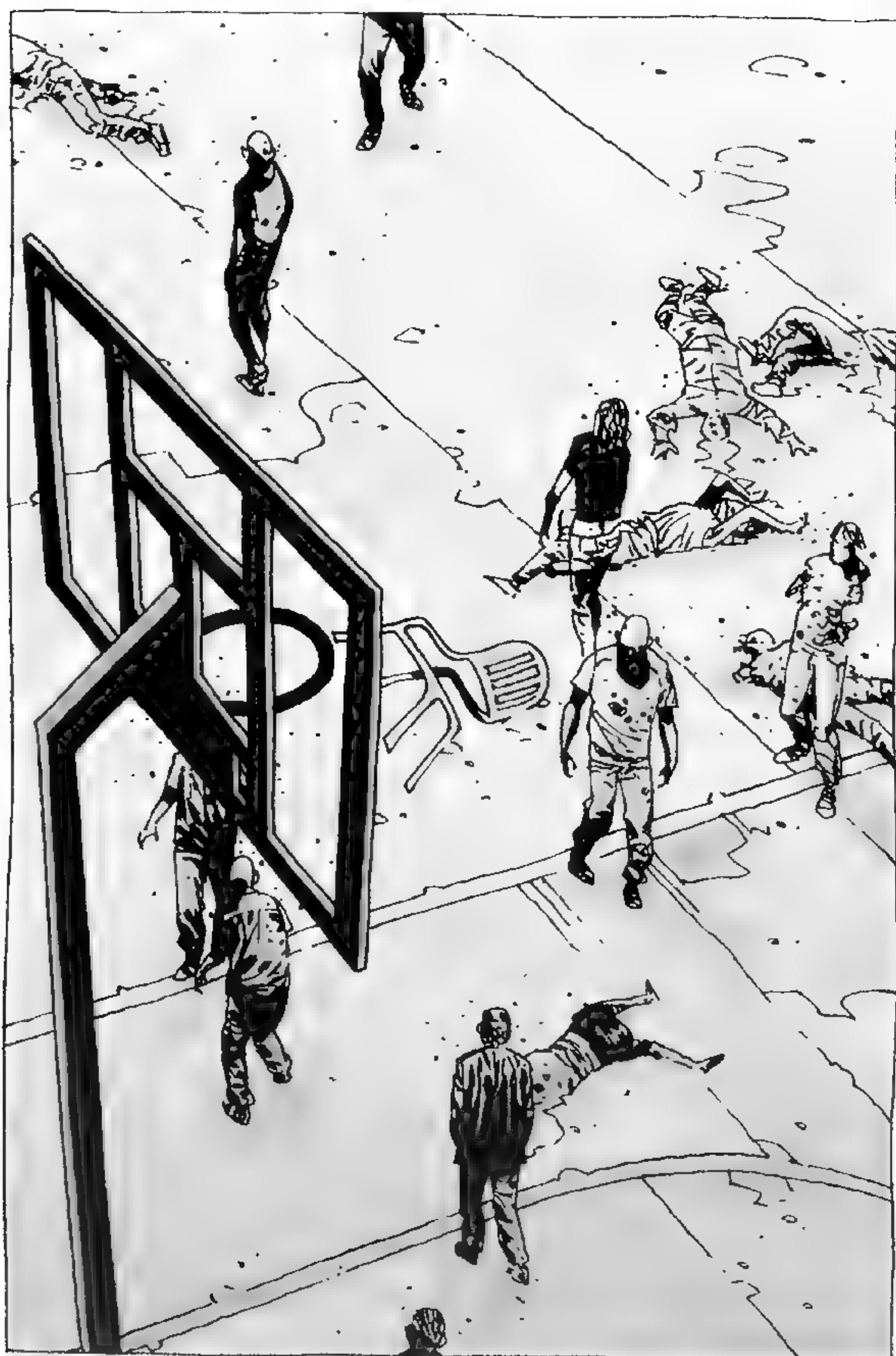
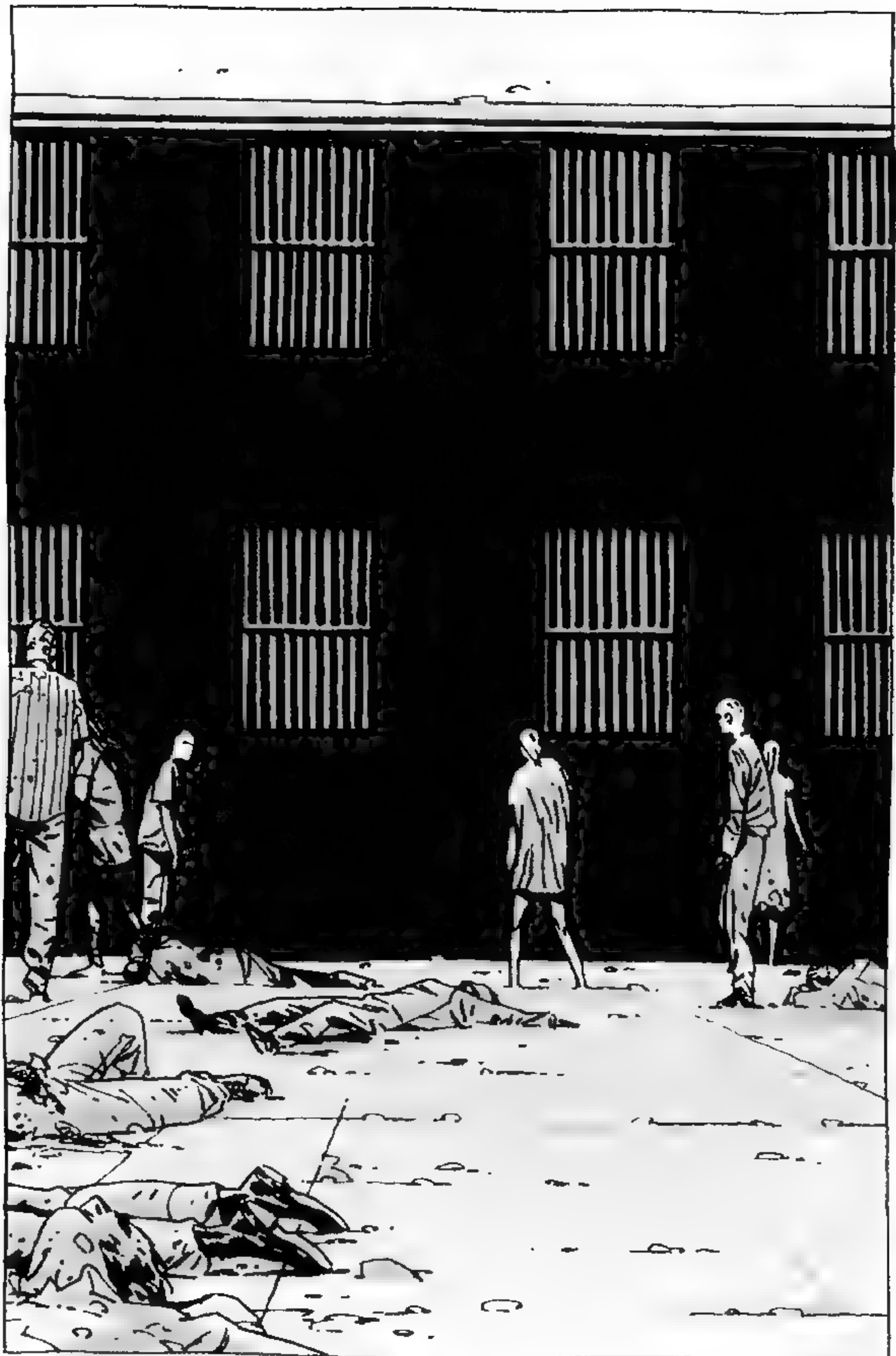






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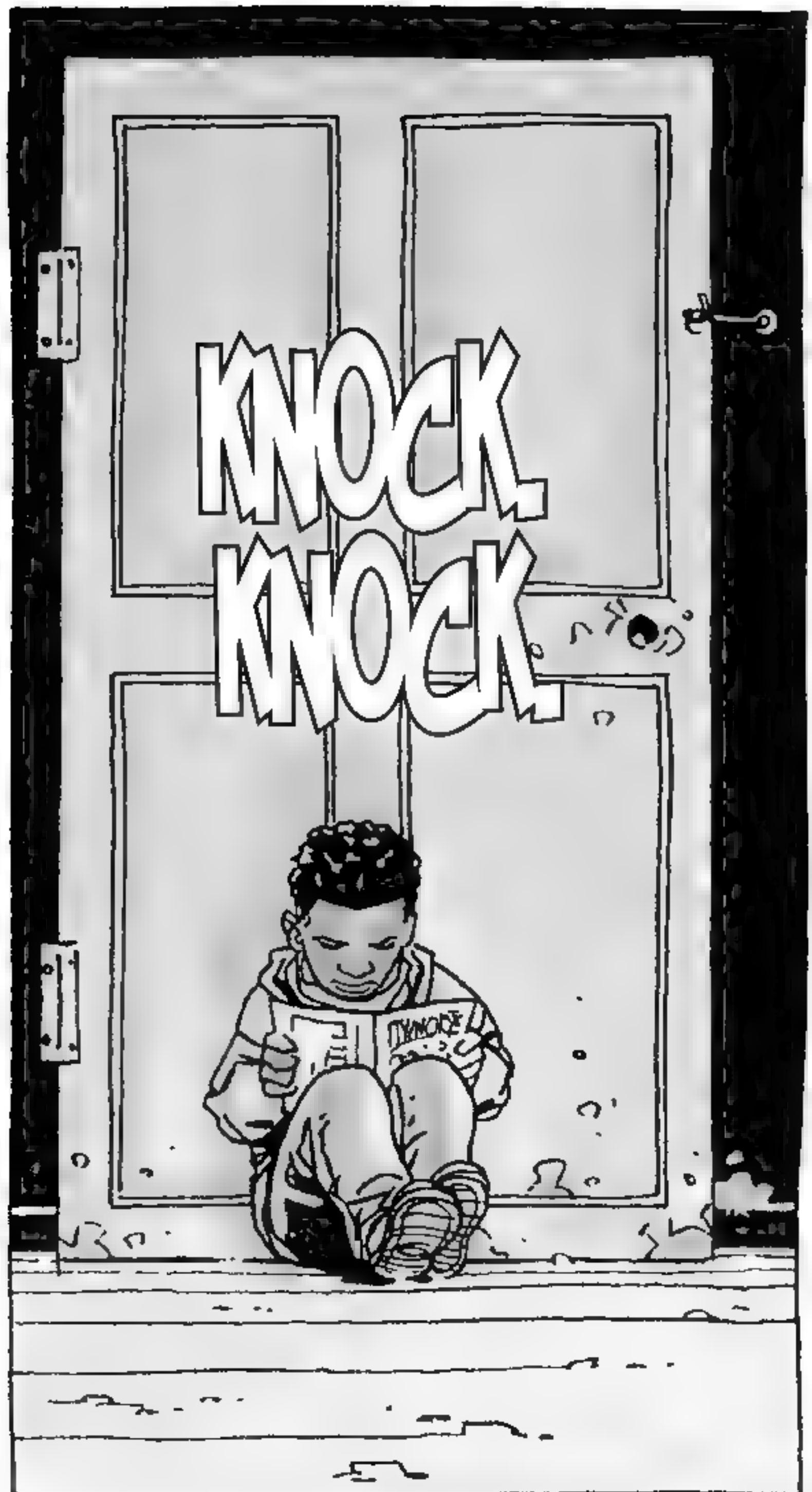


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GOD,
NO...

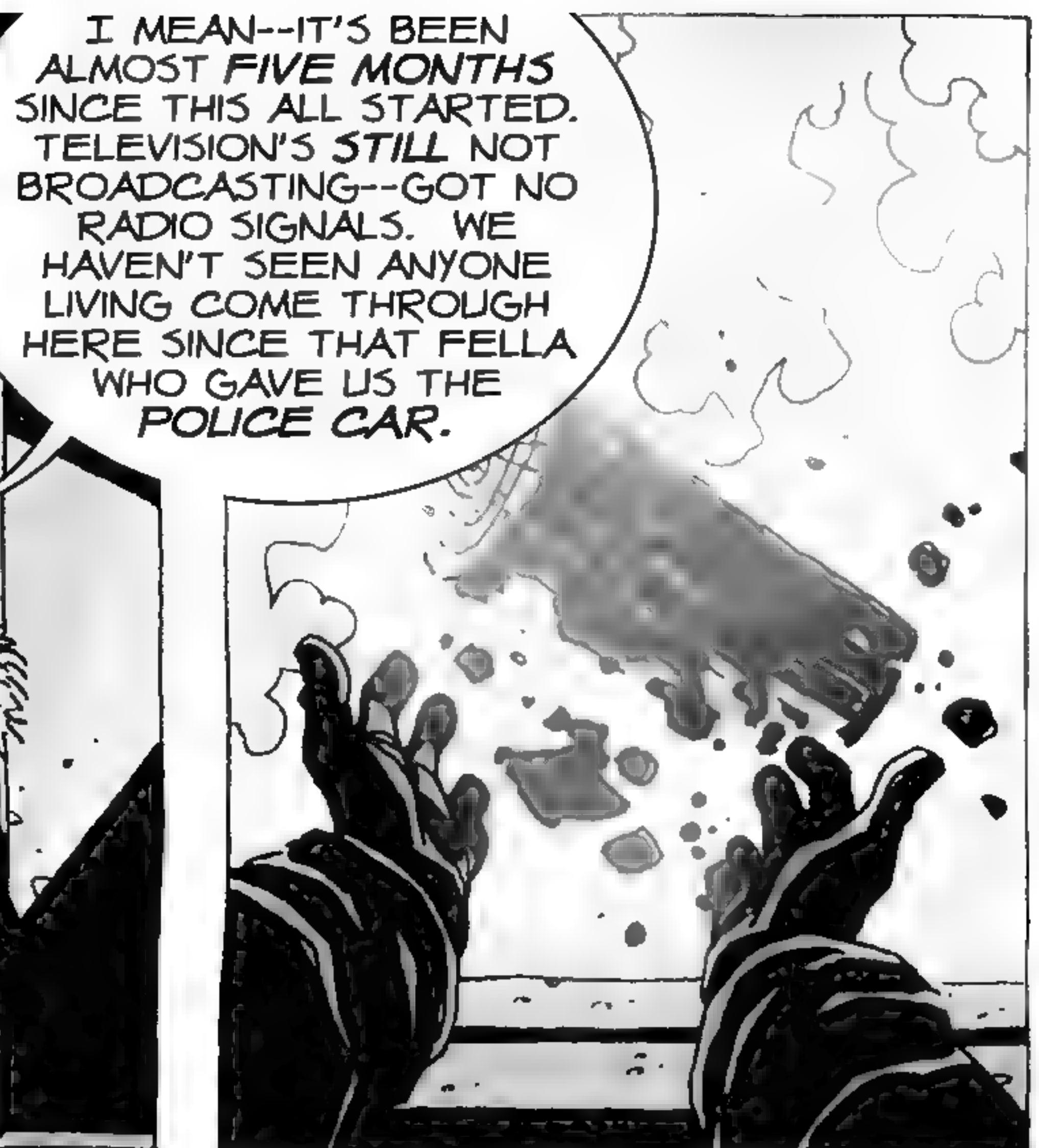
THUNK!











I GUESS THAT'S JUST WHO I AM.
I ALWAYS USED TO WORRY ABOUT
THE LITTLE STUFF. I GUESS I
JUST ALWAYS FIGURED EVERYONE
ELSE WAS WORRIED ENOUGH
ABOUT THE BIG STUFF THAT
I'D FOCUS MY EFFORTS
ELSEWHERE.

STILL--
EVERY TIME
I'M IN THERE--
DIGGING FOR FOOD,
LOOKING FOR A NEW
TOY FOR YOU OR
SOMETHING ELSE. I
PRAY FOR A
POLICEMAN TO
COME ALONG AND
ARREST ME.

THEN
AT LEAST
I'D KNOW WE
WEREN'T THE
ONLY--

I'M SORRY, SON.
I KNOW THAT'S A
HORRIBLE THOUGHT.
I DON'T MEAN
TO WORRY
YOU.

HUH?

MERRY
CHRISTMAS,
DUANE.

THE END.

REXTRICATE

Chris 106
CLIFF

LETTER HACKS

**Don't worry,
we're hard at work on issue 35...
so you shouldn't have to wait more than a few weeks
before you find out what's going on.**

Heh.

Now, As I type this issue 32, 33 and now 34 have shipped monthly or better (unless the holidays hold this issue up at all). I just wanted to point it out because while everyone likes to point out and complain about lateness... even when we're BARELY late, very few people send in letters that say "hey--you're on time, great!"

I'm not patting ourselves on the back just yet. We'll see how many issues we've put out by the end of 2007 before any medals are issued, but I think we're getting a handle on things and the worst is definitely behind us.

We did only put out nine issues in 2006... which sucks. Sorry about that.

We're shooting for 12 or MORE in 2007. You'll see.

NOW, while this issue is going to ship AFTER Christmas (and the other holidays), it's still well before the holiday season here so I'm going to be giving you all a little gift.

For YOU we're running last year's The Walking Dead story from the Image Holiday Special 2005. It was printed in the BOOK ONE hardcover that's out, but the majority of you single issue buyers may have missed the

Holiday Special and probably didn't buy that hardcover... so I'm running it here so you don't miss out.

It's a Morgan and Duane story--for those of you who remember issue 1 and wonder what they've been up to. ENJOY!

And my Christmas present for ME this year is a shorter letters column... so I can spend more time working on OTHER stuff... and maybe even spending some time with my family. I hope I get an iPod this year!

Okay... I might as well answer a FEW letters. Let's see what we got here.

HOLY CRAP!!! This book is so good...the escape was great, and I felt so bad for the doctor, but I guess someone had to bite it...and Michonne heading for revenge, that was sweet...and I really wanted to see that town just get torn apart, with someone letting zombies loose inside, but that's not Rick's style, so it makes sense that that wouldn't happen...but that doesn't mean Michonne won't... anyway, questions

1. What's going on back at the prison?

As you can see at the end of this very issue... nothing good.

2. What's gonna happen to this town? And will we see it?

We haven't seen the last of Woodbury by a long shot... don't worry. Woodbury and all the people still there will play a rather large role in the next year or two of stories in this book. I think you'll all like where this is going.

Anyway, that's about all I can think of....only 264 more issues to outrun Cerebus...and I'm hoping to be here until the end...

Mr Lumptastic

I'm hoping to be here until the end! We'll see how far we go. I'd love to be doing this book a decade from now.

Dear Ye Ol' Grizzly One,

Thanks for not making Glenn a total pussy. I appreciate it.

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Yeah, Glenn's been a LITTLE wimpy in the last few issues but he's going to be getting some redemption later on. Glenn is one of my favorite characters in the book.

It seems like Walking Dead is losing a bit of its unpredictability. When I first read it, it seemed that anyone could go at anytime (and they did). Lately however, it seems like there are a few "sacred cows" i.e. Rick, Lori, Tyreese, and to a lesser extent Hershel. It would be nice to see a few more shocker deaths to make the reader less comfortable.

Man you guys are hard to please! I'm either killing too many characters or not enough. There are NO sacred cows in this book. Just because there hasn't been many people die in the last few issues doesn't mean certain characters are safe. You'll see... you'll ALL see.

That being said I'm still enjoying the hell out of this book. I think the prison idea was just about the most incredible idea in modern Zombie lore. I would like to see a few more of the minor characters get their moment in the spotlight, like Billy (that's Hershel's kid right???)

Yes, and I've been meaning to do more with him for some time. Don't worry, everyone will get at least a brief moment to shine at some point in the series... unless I kill them.

Couple of questions for ya:

1) Any chance of Lori just having a normal healthy baby? Or is it destined to be born Zombie-fied?

That remains to be seen. She may even give birth to that baby some day.

2) Any chance of visiting a Zombie Disney World/theme park of some sort?

Yes... that's the big event for issue 100.

3) Carol has gone batshit crazy. Can you kill her please?

What would be the fun in that.

4) What's the long term plan for prison life? Is this going to be a permanent HQ?

Would you leave were you in their situation?

5) Can we expect Rick to gain a Chainsaw for a right hand anytime soon?

Maybe a laser gun... not a chainsaw.

Thanks Robert. One of these days, gussy up your friggin myspace page!

Zach Langlois

Oh, yeah... that thing. Uh... maybe some day. I actually hate MySpace pages with so much shit on them you can't read them... and that damn music that starts up when you look at the page... ugh.

I'll put a sunburst or a rainbow or something on mine someday. Until then it'll be super boring and super plain.

Well, kids... enjoy the Christmas Story on the following page... in January!

I'll see you back here next month for more happy go lucky FUN...

-Robert Kirkman

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blowing minds is our business.
and business is good.

CHEERS TO THAT!

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